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A	--	FR 2763608 A1 ✓ (COMMISSARIAT ENERGIE ATOMIQUE) see WPI abstract accession no. 99-024589/02 and page 7 lines 11-17
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